

### County of Los Angeles

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

## ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION DIVISION (FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

Request Board approval for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) to accept a grant award in the amount of \$150,137 from the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) for the 2009-10 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Grant Program. This grant is a 12-month period from September 1, 2010, to August 31, 2011, with a required 25 percent in-kind match of \$37,534, for a total program cost of \$187,671. This is an ongoing program in its seventh year of funding.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Authorize the Sheriff, as an agent for the County, to sign and accept an OHMVR grant in the amount of \$150,137 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11.
- 2. Authorize the Sheriff, or his designee, to execute and submit all grant documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, augmentations, modifications, amendments, extensions, and payment requests that may be necessary for completion of the project.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The primary objective of CDPR's 2009-10 OHMVR Grant Program is to provide funding to selected law enforcement agencies in order to protect natural resources and enforce laws that regulate the use of off-highway motor vehicles and associated equipment. In meeting this objective, the Department will use the grant funds to implement off-highway vehicle

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enforcement projects administered by the Department's Santa Clarita Valley (\$92,288) and Palmdale (\$57,849) Sheriff's Stations.

The goal of the Department's Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) project is to reduce incidences of OHV-related offenses and code violations throughout the jurisdiction of Santa Clarita Valley and Palmdale Sheriff's Stations, as well as the Lancaster and Crescenta Valley areas.

In order to successfully reduce the types of offenses and violations identified above, the Department will utilize the grant funds specifically to retain the sergeant and deputy personnel on an overtime basis. These sergeants and deputies will be responsible for identifying/targeting areas where violations are highly prevalent and conducting coordinated enforcement efforts throughout the identified region. In addition to the Department's active involvement in the project, the Department will also collaborate with the United States Forest Service to ensure that efficient and productive enforcement of the problem areas exists during peak times such as weekends and holidays.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Department's OHV Enforcement Program, a multi-station effort directed at enhancing OHV enforcement operations, meets the Los Angeles County's Strategic Plan, Goal 3, Community and Municipal Services; and Goal 5, Public Safety.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

This continuing grant award is for \$150,137 with a required 25 percent in-kind match of \$37,534, for a total project cost of \$187,671. The in-kind services will be provided by the Department. Funding for this program has been included in the Department's FY 2010-11 Budget.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A resolution required by the CDPR as part of the application process, was previously adopted by your Board on March 16, 2010, which authorized the Department to submit the application. This Board letter has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This grant funding will have a positive impact on the services currently provided by the Department and will give us an opportunity to successfully accomplish the mission, goals, and objectives of the Department, as well as those of the OHMVR grant program.

#### CONCLUSION

Upon your Board approval, please return one adopted copy of this action to the Department's Grants Unit.

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Sincerely,

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**Enclosures** 

#### Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000

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Other requirements not mentioned above: None

Department Head Signature

**Funding Agency** 

Grant Project Title and Description: Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program

The objective of this program is to enforce laws that regulate the use of off-highway motor vehicles and associated equipment, while protecting natural resources in the Santa Clarita Valley, Palmdale and Lancaster areas. Grant funding will be used to provide patrols, on an overtime basis, in areas where illegal off-highway vehicle activity is prevalent.

Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)

**Grant Acceptance Deadline** 

California Department Parks and September 2010 G08-03-10-L01 & G08-03-10-L02 Recreation (CDPR) **Total Amount of Grant Funding:** \$187,671 **County Match:** \$37,534 **Grant Period:** 12 months Begin Date: September 1, 2010 End Date: August 31, 2011 **Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:** Full Time: 0 Part Time: 0 **Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires** Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes X No \_ Yes \_\_\_ No <u>X</u> Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes No X If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will: Yes \_\_ No  $\underline{X}$ a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes No X b). Identify other revenue sources (Describe) c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes  $\underline{X}$  No Impact of additional personnel on existing space: No impact on existing space.

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